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#### REMARKS

The Office Action of November 30, 2006 was received and carefully reviewed. The Examiner is thanked for reviewing this application.

Claims 1-15 and 22-46 were pending prior to the instant amendment. By this amendment, claims 47-59 have been added to recite additional features to which Applicant are entitled. Claims 7-12 and 39-46 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 13-15, 22-38 and 47-59 are pending, of which claims 1, 13, 22, 26, 47, 52 and 57 are independent. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's continued indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 25 and 33. However, for the reasons advanced below, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims 1-6, 13-15, 22-38 and 47-59 are allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 26, 28, 31, 34, 36, 39, 41 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Daigo (JP2002-231445 – hereafter Daigo). Further, claims 1-12, 26-29, 31 and 34-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamagata et al. (U.S. Pub. 2003/0201443 – hereafter Yamagata). Finally, claims 1, 5-7, 11-15, 22-24, 26, 30, 32, 37-39, 45 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Kobayashi et al. (U.S. Pub. 2002/0158835 – hereafter Kobayashi) in view of Yamagata.

With respect to independent claims 1 and 26, Applicant's amendment recites, *inter alia*, the feature of "wherein the first bank is in contact with the organic compound layer." (For example, see FIG. 1A of present application). Applicant contends that Daigo fails to teach or disclose this feature as presently recited in the claimed combinations of features. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that at least independent claims 1 and 26 as presently claimed are not anticipated by the Daigo.

In light of the foregoing arguments, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 26, 28, 31, 34, 36, 39, 41 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Daigo is respectfully requested.

With respect to independent claims 1 and 26, again Applicant's amendment recites, *inter alia*, the feature of "wherein the first bank is in contact with the organic compound

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layer." Applicant contends that Yamagata fails to teach or disclose this feature as presently recited in the claimed combinations of features. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that at least independent claims 1 and 26 as presently claimed are not anticipated by the Yamagata.

In light of the foregoing arguments, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-12, 26-29, 31 and 34-46 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yamagata is respectfully requested.

With respect to independent claims 1 and 26, again Applicant's amendment recites, *inter alia*, the feature of "wherein the first bank is in contact with the organic compound layer." Applicant contends that the combination of Kobayashi with Yamagata fails to describe this feature as presently recited in the claimed combinations of features. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that at least independent claims 1 and 26 as presently claimed are not taught or suggested by the combination of Kobayashi and Yamagata.

Further, Applicant has amended independent claim 13 to recite, *inter alia*, the feature of "wherein the first bank is in contact with the organic compound layer." (For example, see FIG. 17A of present application). Applicant contends that the combination of Kobayashi with Yamagata fails to describe this feature as presently recited in the claimed combinations of features. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that at least independent claim 13 as presently claimed is not taught or suggested by the combination of Kobayashi and Yamagata.

Still further, Applicant has amended independent claim 22 to recite, *inter alia*, the feature of "wherein the metal layer is in contact with the organic compound layer." (For example, see FIG. 17A of present application). Applicant contends that the combination of Kobayashi with Yamagata fails to describe this feature as presently recited in the claimed combinations of features. Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that at least independent claim 22 as presently claimed is not taught or suggested by the combination of Kobayashi and Yamagata.

In light of the foregoing arguments, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 5-7, 11-15, 22-24, 26, 30, 32, 37-39, 45 and 46 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Kobayashi in view of Yamagata is respectfully requested.

The remaining rejected claims are allowable at least because they each depend from one of allowable independent claims 1, 13, 22 and 26, and further for the additional features recited.


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Claims 47-56 recite, among other things, the feature of a first bank is in contact with the second electrode (e.g., see FIG. 1A of present application). Claims 57-59 recite, among other things, the feature of a first bank comprising an oxide, and the first bank is in contact with the second electrode (e.g., see page 26, lines 8-14 and FIG. 4B of present application). It is believed that these features as well as other additional features are allowable.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of record be reconsidered and withdrawn by the Examiner, that claims 1-6, 13-15 and 22-38 be allowed, that new claims 47-59 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue. If a conference would expedite prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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